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Garling - Spessard Farm
Hagerstown Vicinity
Private

The Garling-Spessard Farm is a good example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse and related outbuildings. The house is two stories with an entry porch and an ell with two-tier porches on two elevations. The north end of the house has a one-story addition in stucco painted red to match the brick of the original section. The extension has a polygonal bay window. A frame bank barn, a brick kitchen or wash house, and a shed slaughterhouse are located near the house, forming a complete farm complex.

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME					
1 NAME					
ніsтоліс Garling-Spes	sard Farm				
AND/OR COMMON					
2 LOCATION					
STREET & NUMBER	on Street (MD. 64)		·		
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DIST	RICT	
Hagerstown STATE	X VICINITY OF		00.000		
Maryland			Washington		
3 CLASSIFIC	ATION				
CATEGORY DISTRICT  X_BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT	OWNERSHIP PUBLIC XPRIVATEBOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITIONIN PROCESSBEING CONSIDERED	STATUS  X OCCUPIED  LUNOCCUPIED  WORK IN PROGRESS  ACCESSIBLE  YES: RESTRICTED  YES: UNRESTRICTED  NO	PRES AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY	SENT USE MUSEUMPARK XPRIVATE RESIDENCERELIGIOUSSCIENTIFICTRANSPORTATIONOTHER	
4 OWNER OF	PROPERTY				
NAME Harold Clin			Telephone #: 30	1 _ 733_8165	
STREET & NUMBER	on Street			. 700 0100	
CITY, TOWN			STATE, Z	ip code	
Hagerstown		VICINITY OF		21740	
5 LOCATION	OF LEGAL DESCR	IPTION	Liber #:		
COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ET	rc. Washington Cour	Washington County Court House			
STREET & NUMBER	West Washington	West Washington Street			
CITY, TOWN	Hagerstown,			STATE	
6 REPRESENT	TATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS			
DATE					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS		FEDERALSTATECOUNTYLOCAL			
CITY, TOWN			STATE		

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### CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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\_\_EXCELLENT

\_\_FAIR

\_\_DETERIORATED
\_\_RUINS

\_\_UNEXPOSED

\_\_UNALTERED

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Garling-Spessard Farmhouse is a two story brick house with ell and entry porch dating from the mid to late nineteenth century and located on the north side of MD. 64, or Jefferson Street, about one mile east of Hagerstown.

The gable roofed main section has interior end chimneys. The two-story ell has two-tier porches on the north and south elevations. The main section also has a later one-story stucco addition on the north gable end. This section has a three-sided bay on the east.

The main elevation faces east and has three bays on the first floor and two on the second. The window and door openings are arched. The fenestration is 2/2 sliding sash except in the first floor bay to the right of the entry. The original window opening here has been altered for a pair of 1/1 windows. The polygonal bay in the north addition, next to the paired windows, also has 1/1 sash. The first floor windows in this elevation have raised panel shutters. The second floor windows are unshuttered. The entry porch has slender chamfered posts and scroll-sawn brackets.

The exposed south elevation has two irregular bays: the west bay has two windows on the first and second floor and the east has one on each floor. The second floor windows have louvered shutters. One single shutter remains on the first floor east bay.

The foundation is stone and the brick masonry is 3-course American bond. The roofs of both the house and the porch are covered in modern roofing material. The simple cornice has returns on the gable ends.

Morth of the house is a frame bank barn with vertical siding. Immediately west of the house is a brick kitchen or wash house which has a large fireplace, currently boarded up. Further west is a small building which is now used as a slaughterhouse. All of these outbuildings appear to date from the same period as the house.

SPECIFIC DAT	es c. 1860	BUILDER/ARCH	BUILDER/ARCHITECT		
—PREHISTORIC —1400-1499 —1500-1599 —1600-1699 —1700-1799 —1800-1899 —1900-	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  —ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  —AGRICULTURE  X_ARCHITECTURE  —ART  —COMMERCE  —COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	RELIGION SCIENCE SCULPTURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN THEATER TRANSPORTATION OTHER (SPECIFY)	
PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Garling-Spessard Farm is a good example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse and related outbuildings, showing gradual adaptations in function and form over a long period of existence.

William's History of Washington County (1906) contains information on the Garling family, but none on "S. Garling," the owner as shown on Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's 1877 map of Washington County. Samuel O. Spessard bought the farm, including 44 acres in 1903. Spessard was a prosperous farmer and Williams 1 described the farm as "well-improved" with a fine residence, a model home."

Motes:

<sup>1.</sup> Williams, History of Washington County, V. 2., P.1004.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, Atlas of Washington County, 1977.
Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA  ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY	
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PRO	PERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY
11 FORM PREPARED BY	
NAME/TITLE Janet Davis,MHT/SHA Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	January 27, 1981
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